

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 17, 20, 22-29, 31-40, 45, 53, and 57-62 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, to clarify claim language, and for minor editorial purposes.

Claims 22-40 have been amended to recite a method of using and the method steps involved therein, in accordance with standard U.S. practice, which is supported throughout the present specification, as originally filed.

No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-62 will be pending in the present application.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Jiang for indicating that claims 1-21 and 41-62 are allowed, and that claims 22-40 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the pending rejections.

The rejections of claims 22-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph are obviated by amendment. As discussed above, the claims have been rewritten to recite a method of using and the method steps thereof.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such allowance is earnestly solicited.

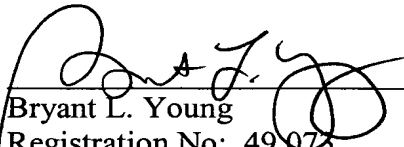
Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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